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The programme was as follows: The Latin Teacher's Opportunity, Frances E. Sabin, University of Wisconsin; The Place of Latin in the Junior High School, Joseph A. Ewart, Assistant Superintendent of the Public Schools, Somerville, Dr. J. E. Burke, Assistant Superintendent of Public Schools, Boston, Mr. Michael E. Fitzgerald, Superintendent of Schools, Cambridge, Joseph A. F. O'Neill, John Winthrop School, Boston; The Value of Classical Study—The National League for the Classics, Dean Andrew F. West.

The following is the Provisional Schedule for 1919-1920:

October 23. Sociability Committee. Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

December 13. Forum Committee. Boston University.

February 14. Joint Meeting with Eastern Massachusetts Section, The Classical Association of New England.

April 2-3. Meeting of The Classical Association of New England, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut.

May 15. Forum Committee. Annual Meeting.
ALBERT S. PERKINS, *Censor*.

THE CHICAGO CLASSICAL CLUB

The seventeenth meeting of The Chicago Classical Club was held in the Hotel La Salle on Saturday, May 17. The attendance (76) was the largest in the history of the Club, with the single exception of that at the sixteenth meeting. Professor J. T. Hatfield, of Northwestern University, conducted the singing before and during the luncheon, using Flickinger's *Carmina Latina*, and also sang a Latin solo, his own composition. Mr. C. E. Chadsey, Superintendent of the Chicago Schools, was present and spoke briefly. He favored a larger study of Greek in the City Schools. Professor W. G. Hale, who was on the point of retiring from active service at the University of Chicago, spoke feelingly of the past, present, and future of classical studies and of his own plans. The principal address of the afternoon was delivered by Professor John A. Scott, of Northwestern University, on *Classical Lands after the War*.

Professor (now Dean) Roy C. Flickinger, of Northwestern University, was reelected as President, Miss Frances Etten, of the Wendell Phillips High School, as Secretary-Treasurer, and Miss Loura B. Woodruff, of the Oak Park High School, as a member of the Executive Committee. New members of this Committee are Miss Stella W. Aten, of the Nickolas Senn High School, and Mr. Archibald W. Smalley, of the Hyde Park High School.

A feature of the occasion was the distribution of Year Books, containing a historical statement, a list of the Club's officers and programmes during the five years, and a directory of the members. The paid membership has grown from 31 to 102 within the last year.

FRANCES ETTEN, *Secretary*.

THE WASHINGTON CLASSICAL CLUB

The Washington Classical Club held its last meeting for 1918-1919 at the Colonial School for Girls, on Saturday, April 26. The Rev. Earle Wilfley, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, discussed *The Debt of the Modern to the Classical Drama*. A considerable part of the address was devoted to a comparison of the *Oedipus Tyrannus* of Sophocles and Shakespeare's *King Lear*; both of these tragedies, the speaker said, might be characterized as studies of "exaggerated ego". Illustrative selections from the two plays were read most effectively by Dr. Wilfley. Appreciative comments were made by Professor Mitchell Carroll, of the

George Washington University, and Mr. Ogle R. Singleton, from the office of the Judge Advocate of the Navy.

In spite of the serious difficulties arising from conditions in war-time Washington, the Club had an encouraging year, and the membership, which had fallen to about eighty, was restored to more than one hundred.

Owing to the influenza epidemic, the October meeting was omitted, but on November 30 the Club met at the Friends School, and the Rev. John Francis Quirk, S. J., Professor of Psychology at Georgetown University, lectured on *Vergil and Christianity*. On January 11, Miss Ruth Putnam read a paper on *Julius Caesar's Estimate of the Germans*. This meeting was held at Gunston Hall School. The College Women's Club was the place of meeting on March 22, and Mr. Fred Irland, Official Reporter of the U. S. House of Representatives, gave a noteworthy address on *The English of Non-Classical High-School Pupils*. The facts and charts which were presented led to an interesting discussion in which Professor Mitchell Carroll, Professor William A. Eckles, of Central High School, and Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, head of the Bureau of Food Sanitation, participated. Dr. Wiley, who is as much opposed to false labels and adulterations in education as he is to those in food products, closed by expressing the hope that when his boy grew up he might still be able to find a College somewhere in which he could get a truly liberal education with an A.B. degree that really stood for something.

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THE NEW YORK CLASSICAL READING LEAGUE

Many of the readers of *THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY* are doubtless familiar with the program of The Classical Reading League of the New York State Teachers' Association (see *THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY* 10. 133). Founded about three years ago, the League has been conducted successively by Union and Rochester Universities, and is this year maintained by the College of the City of New York. Its current circular was issued near the end of the spring term, so as to be available for the opportunities of the summer vacation.

The plan of the League thus far has been simply to provide a program of suggested readings and the stimulus of cooperation in an explicit undertaking. It is probably true that most of us classical teachers do not read as much of our favorite languages as would be good for us. Too easily we repeat with our classes the familiar assignments, till it is no wonder if sometimes our impressions lack freshness.

The intentions of the Reading League, then, are sufficiently evident. Its printed program, prepared by a committee representing The Classical Section of the State Teachers' Association, is a very modest one, and readers who prefer are expressly invited to report other texts of their own choice, which may be as far along the road of classical erudition as they desire. Those so inclined are obviously not dependent upon any program of suggestions. But they are urged to enrol in the League if they believe in encouraging its purposes.

The League has addressed itself primarily to classical teachers in the Schools of New York State; but anyone interested in keeping up his classical reading is cordially invited to participate. People in other professions, not excepting the business man, "tired" or retired, may find in the League a pleasant occasion for occupying their leisure hours in what Cicero himself described as a highly civilized way.

Anyone interested may obtain copies of the circular and enrolment card by writing to the undersigned at The College of the City of New York.

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